



2025 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

REPORT OF ACTION

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Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Legislation (COL) of Rotary International met 13-17 April 2025 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In accordance with section 9.150.1. of the RI Bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council, including the 31 pieces of adopted legislation.

86 enactments were transmitted to the COL. The Council adopted 31 enactments, including one item that was adopted during vetting ahead of the COL. The Council rejected 37 proposals, 11 proposals were withdrawn from consideration, four items were referred to the RI Board, and three items were postponed indefinitely. Of the 31 adopted enactments, five were adopted with amendments, which are noted in the report with an asterisk (*).

The legislation contained in this report is presented in the format used by the Council. It illustrates changes to the current constitutional documents of RI by underlining new text and striking through deleted text.

As you study these items of legislation, please bear in mind that each piece of legislation must stand alone as it was adopted. Where two or more pieces of legislation seek to change the same section of a document, all overlapping and correlative changes will be made by the Council Operations Committee during the revision of the constitutional documents. Legislation will take effect on 1 July 2025, unless otherwise noted in the item of legislation.

At the end of this report is an Opposition to Legislation Report Form. In accordance with section 9.150.2. of the RI Bylaws, any club may use this form to record its opposition to an adopted enactment. Completed forms must reach Council Services by 15 July 2025. Please note that a club should complete and return the form at the end of this report only if it wishes to oppose some action by the Council. If a club does not wish to oppose an action of the 2025 Council on Legislation, no action is required.

While it is rare, if the required number of votes in opposition are filed regarding any item of legislation adopted by the Council, the item will be considered suspended. A ballot of all Rotary clubs will then be conducted according to the provisions of sections 9.150.4. to 9.150.6. of the RI Bylaws. Based on the results of the ballot, the suspended item will either be nullified or reinstated.

Should you have any questions about the Council or the adopted legislation, please contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hewko", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Hewko

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ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-01

To amend the purpose of Rotary clubs

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

Article 3 Purposes

The purposes of this club are to:

- (a) pursue the Object of Rotary;
- (b) carry out successful community service projects based on the five Avenues of Service;
- (c) contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership;
- (d) support The Rotary Foundation; and
- (e) develop leaders beyond the club level.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-06

To amend the deadline for the mid-year financial report

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

Article 7 Meetings

Section 2 — ~~Annual Meeting.~~ Other Meetings.

- (a) An annual meeting to elect officers and present ~~a mid-year report, including current year income and expenses, together with a financial report on the previous year,~~ shall be held before 31 December, as provided in the bylaws.
- ~~(b)~~ (b) A mid-year financial report, including income and expenses of the first six months of the current year, shall be presented at a meeting held by 31 January.
- ~~(b)~~ (c) A satellite club shall hold an annual meeting of its members before 31 December to elect officers for the satellite club.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-07

To decrease the number of members required to charter a new Rotary club

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 2 Membership in Rotary International

2.010. Application for Membership in RI.

2.010.1. New Clubs.

A new club shall have at least ~~20~~ 15 charter members.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-15

To amend the duties of a governor

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 16 Governors

16.030. Duties of a Governor.

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth;
- (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage:
 - 1. participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;
 - 2. promotion of the RI strategic plan;
 - 3. participation in grant programs of the Rotary Foundation;
- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
- (f) supporting TRF;
- (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
- (h) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the PETS and the district training assembly;
- (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor's presence to:

1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
 2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
 3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
 4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
 5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
 - (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;
 - (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;
 - (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;
 - (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
 - (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and
 - (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-16

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- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
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- (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;
- (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
- (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; ~~and~~
- ~~(p) providing support to assistant governors, if any have been appointed, so that they can further the development of the district and the cohesiveness of the members; and~~
- ~~(p)~~ (q) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-17

To amend the period for retaining ballots in a club ballot procedure

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors

12.050. Club Ballot Procedure.

12.050.3. Report of Balloting Committee.

The balloting committee shall promptly report the results to the governor as soon as a candidate receives a majority vote, including the number of the votes for each candidate. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared governor-nominee. If there is a tie vote, the nominating committee's candidate shall be declared the governor-nominee. If neither tied candidate was

the nominating committee's choice, the governor shall select one of the tied candidates as the governor-nominee. The governor shall promptly notify the candidates and clubs of the results of the ballot. The balloting committee shall retain all ballots for ~~15~~ 30 days after the governor's notification to the candidates and clubs. The ballots shall be open to inspection by any club during this period. The chair of the committee shall destroy the ballots following the ~~15-day~~ 30-day period if no election complaint is filed as per section 13.030. If an election complaint is filed, the ballots shall be retained until the board decision on the complaint.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-19

To amend the process for selecting the member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for Directors

11.020. *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

11.020.1. *General Provisions of Nominating Committee Procedure.*

Directors-nominee and alternates shall be selected by the nominating committee procedure except in zones and sections of zones wholly within RIBI. Nominating committees shall be constituted from the entire zone, except for zones that include both districts within RIBI and districts not within RIBI, notwithstanding any bylaw provisions or informal understandings which may limit the area within the zone from which the candidate may be nominated. However, if there are two or more sections in a zone, the committee shall be selected from only those districts in the section(s) from which the director is to be nominated unless a majority of ~~all~~ districts in each of the section(s) of the zone, by resolutions adopted at their district conferences, agree to the selection from all districts in the zone. The procedure for making this determination shall be decided by the board.

For the agreement to be effective for the selection of a nominating committee, it must be certified to the general secretary by the district governor by 1 March in the year preceding the selection. The agreement shall be void if the districts comprising the zone are changed, but shall otherwise remain in effect unless rescinded by a majority of districts of the zone by resolution adopted at their conferences and certified to the general secretary by the district governors.

11.020.17. *Meeting of the Nominating Committee.*

The committee shall meet ~~during the following~~ between 15 September and 15 October at a time and place determined by the board. A majority of the members is a quorum and all business shall be by majority vote, except in selecting the committee's nominee for director. The nominees for director and alternate must receive at least a 60 percent majority vote of the committee. The chair of the nominating committee may only vote for nominees for director and alternate or to break a tie vote.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-22

To amend the composition of the nominating committee for president

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 10 Nominations and Elections for President

10.020. Nominating Committee for President.

10.020.3. *Qualifications.*

Each member of the nominating committee shall be:

- (a) a member of a club in the zone from which the member is elected;
- (b) neither the president, president-elect, ~~nor~~ any past president, nor any aide to the president; and
- (c) a past director of RI or a past TRF trustee who has served in that role within the previous 10 years at the time of election. If no past director or past trustee is available for election or appointment as a member of the committee from a particular zone, a past director or past trustee who has served as a member of a standing committee provided for in article 17 within the previous 10 years shall be eligible for election or appointment. If no eligible past director or past trustee is available for election or appointment as a member of the committee from a particular zone, a past governor shall be eligible for election or appointment if that past governor served for at least one year as a member of a standing committee provided for in article 17 ~~or as a TRF trustee~~; and
- (d) limited to serving no more than three times on the committee.

10.030. Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.

10.030.1. *Notification to Eligible Candidates.*

Between 1 and 15 March, the general secretary asks all eligible past directors and past trustees whether they desire to be considered for membership on the committee. They must notify the general secretary before 15 April that they are willing and able to serve, or they will not be considered for the committee.

10.030.2. *One Eligible ~~Past Director~~ Candidate in a Zone.*

If there is only one eligible, willing, and able past director or past trustee from a zone, the president shall declare that ~~past director~~ candidate to be the member from that zone.

10.030.3. *Two or More Eligible Past Directors from a Zone.*

If there are two or more eligible, willing, and able past directors or past trustees, the member and alternate member of the committee shall be elected in a club ballot.

10.030.3.1. *Ballot Procedure.*

The general secretary shall prepare a single transferable ballot, with the names of all eligible ~~past directors~~ candidates in alphabetical order. The general secretary shall send a ballot with photographs and biographical statements of each ~~past director~~ candidate to each club in the zone by 15 May. The completed ballot shall be returned to the general secretary at the World Headquarters by 15 June. The number of a club's votes is determined by the formula in subsection 15.050.1.

10.030.4. *Balloting Committee Meeting.*

A balloting committee, appointed by the president, meets at a time, place, and manner determined by the president to examine and count the ballots, no later than 25 June. Within five days of meeting, the balloting committee shall certify the balloting results to the general secretary.

10.030.5. *Declaration of Member and Alternate.*

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes is the member of the nominating committee. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes is the alternate member of the committee serving only if the elected member is unable to serve. The voting process for members and alternate members shall take into account the second and subsequent preference choices when necessary. In the event of a tie vote, the board shall appoint the member and alternate from the candidates who received the tie vote.

10.030.6. *Vacancy.*

In the event of a committee vacancy, the new member shall be the most recent ~~eligible~~ past director on 1 January from the zone who is willing and able to serve.

10.030.7. *Term.*

The member's one-year term shall commence on 1 July of the calendar year of election. Any alternate called to serve on the committee shall serve for the unexpired term of the member.

10.030.8. *Vacancy Not Provided for in Bylaws.*

The board shall appoint a member to fill any vacancy on the committee not provided for in this section, preferably from a club in the same zone.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-27

To amend challenges in the election process for directors and governors

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for Directors

11.020. *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

11.020.21. *Proposal of Challenging Candidates.*

Any club in the zone, or section, may propose a challenging candidate. The challenging candidate must have been suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted by a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting. The resolution must be concurred to by a majority of clubs in its district and one other district or, if its district is in more than one zone, a majority of clubs in its district and one other district which are in the same zone from which the director is to be nominated. The concurrence shall be obtained at a conference or through a club ballot. The concurrence must be certified to the general secretary by the district's governor. The resolution must include a written statement from the challenging candidate that the candidate is willing and able to serve, specific biographical material (on a form prescribed by the board), and a recent photograph. The process must be completed by 1 December in the relevant year, or the challenging candidate is not eligible to contest the selection.

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors

12.030. *Nominating Committee Process.*

12.030.8. *Concurrence to Challenges.*

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of any challenging candidate and ask whether any club concurs with the challenge. In order to concur, a club must adopt a resolution at a regular meeting and file it with the governor by the date set by the governor. A valid challenge requires concurrences by either:

- (a) ~~10~~ 20 other clubs; or
- (b) ~~20~~ 30 percent of the total number of clubs

which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year in that district, whichever is higher. A club shall concur with only one challenging candidate.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-28

To provide that the Board may instruct a club to terminate the membership of a member or Rotaractor

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in RI

3.060. Termination of a Member or Rotaractor for Good Cause.

Clubs and Rotaract clubs should terminate the membership of members and Rotaractors for good cause when they cease to have the qualifications for membership. If a club fails to do so, the board may instruct the club to terminate the membership of the member or Rotaractor for good cause. The guiding principles for the decision on termination shall be article 4, section 2(a) of the RI constitution and the high ethical standards expected of a member or a Rotaractor. The board shall advise the member or Rotaractor that he or she has 30 days to show reason why he or she should not be terminated. The board may instruct the club to terminate the membership of the member or Rotaractor after the 30-day period if the member or Rotaractor has failed to provide adequate reason, in the board's judgment. Termination of the membership of the member or Rotaractor requires a two-thirds vote of the entire Board. The Board, in its discretion, may authorize RIBI to act on its behalf as to the membership of any member or Rotaractor in a club located in RIBI, in accordance with the procedures of this section.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

Article 13 Duration of Membership

Section 3 — Automatic Termination – RI Board. Membership shall automatically terminate when the RI Board instructs the club pursuant to the process in RI bylaws. Section 3.060.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-29

To provide for a uniform process for removing officers and committee members
for cause

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.010. Duties of the Board.

5.010.1. Purpose.

The board is responsible for doing whatever may be necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of RI, the attainment of the Object of Rotary, the study and teaching of its fundamentals, and the preservation and extension of RI's ideals, ethics, and unique features throughout the world.

5.010.2. Powers.

The board directs and controls the affairs of RI by:

- (a) establishing policy for the organization;
- (b) evaluating implementation of policy by the general secretary;
- (c) exercising control and supervision over all officers, officers-elect, officers-nominee, officers-nominee-designate, and RI committees; and
- (d) exercising other powers conferred by the constitution, the bylaws, and the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and their amendments.

5.040. Suspension and Removal of Officers and Committee Members.

The president or board may remove suspend an officer, officer-elect, officer-nominee, officer-nominee-designate, or committee member for cause ~~after a hearing, which may include the inability to fulfill satisfactorily the duties and responsibilities of the office or position as provided in the bylaws. At least 60~~ days before the hearing, the board shall give the person to be removed notice of the charges and the time, place, and manner of the hearing, which shall be served in person or by other rapid means of communication. At the hearing, the person may be represented by counsel. Removal of the person requires a two-thirds vote of the entire board. The person suspended must be provided written notice of the suspension, including the basis for the suspension, and shall be given an opportunity to submit to the board, through the general secretary, any relevant information. After considering all pertinent information, the board shall, within one year of the date the suspension begins, either remove the person from office or position by a two-thirds vote or withdraw the suspension. The board may also exercise the powers in section 16.060.

A person removed from office shall not be considered a past officer. A vacancy in any office or position shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws.

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors

12.080. *Rejection or Suspension of Governor-nominee.*

12.080.1. Failure to Meet Qualifications.

Any governor-nominee who does not meet the qualifications and requirements shall be rejected and not presented by the general secretary to the convention for election, unless excused by the board in accordance with sections 16.010. and 16.020.

12.080.2. Suspension of Nomination.

The board may suspend a nomination if it believes that the nominee would be unable to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office. The board shall inform the governor and nominee of the suspension and the nominee shall be given an opportunity to submit additional information. The board shall consider all pertinent circumstances including any information submitted by the nominee and either reject the nomination of the nominee by a two-thirds vote or withdraw the suspension.

12.080.3. Rejection of Nominee.

The general secretary shall advise the governor if the nominee has been rejected by the board. The general secretary shall provide reasons for the rejection, and the governor shall advise the nominee. If time permits, the governor shall conduct a club ballot to select another nominee for governor in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws. Otherwise, the nominee shall be selected in accordance with section 12.090.

Article 16 Governors

16.050. Removal from Office.

The president may remove a governor from office for cause if the president determines that the governor is not performing the duties and responsibilities sufficiently. The president shall advise the governor that he or she has 30 days to show reason why he or she should not be removed from office. The president may remove the governor from office at the end of the 30-day period if the governor has failed to provide adequate reason, in the president's judgment. A removed governor shall not be considered a past governor.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-31

To provide that at least three and no more than four Trustees shall be past RI presidents

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 22 The Rotary Foundation

22.020. Trustees.

There shall be 15 trustees, each nominated by the president-elect and elected by the board in the year before taking office. ~~Four~~ At least three and no more than four trustees shall be past RI presidents. All trustees shall satisfy the qualifications in TRF's bylaws. In the event of a vacancy, a new trustee shall be nominated by the president and elected by the board to complete the term. The terms of the trustees shall be four years. Trustees may be reelected and shall serve without compensation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-34*

To amend the provisions for supervision through a pilot project

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 14 Administrative Groups and Administrative Territorial Unit

14.030. Supervision Through a Pilot Project.

The board may establish pilot projects as a method of supervision of clubs subject to approval by all impacted districts. ~~Only clubs located within RIBI and/or within a zone that includes Australia or New Zealand can be included in a pilot project.~~ The board may establish the governance rules and procedures for ~~such~~ the involved districts not in accordance with sections:

- (a) 7.020. and 7.030. (Proposing and Endorsing Legislation);
- (b) 8.030. and 8.040. (Proposing and Endorsing Resolutions);
- (c) 15.020. - 15.060. (District Meetings and District Fund); and
- (d) 16.030. (Duties of a Governor).

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-35*

To amend the criteria for determining the composition of zones

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for Directors

11.010. Nominations for Directors by Zones.

11.010.1. Number of Zones.

The world shall be divided into 34 zones ~~that are approximately equal in number of Rotarians~~, as determined by the board. In determining zone boundaries, the board may consider number of Rotarians, geographical, language, cultural, or other factors it deems important.

11.010.3. Periodic Review of Zone Boundaries.

The board shall review the composition of the zones at least every eight years ~~to maintain an approximately equal number of Rotarians in each zone~~. The board may also undertake, as necessary, interim reviews for the same purpose.

~~**11.010.4. Realignment of Zones.**~~

Any new alignments can be made by the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-36

To amend the diversity of membership clauses

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 4 Membership in Clubs

4.070. Diversity of Membership.

Each club or Rotaract club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity, equity, and inclusion. No club or Rotaract club, regardless of when it joined RI, may in any way limit membership due to sex, gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation, or impose any membership condition not specifically allowed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any membership provision or condition in conflict with this section is null, void, and without effect.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows

Article 9 Club Membership Composition

Section 2 —Diverse Club Membership. This club’s membership should represent a cross section of the businesses, professions, occupations, and civic organizations in its community, including age, sex, gender, and ethnic diversity.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-37*

To provide for the non-political nature of RI

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

Article 26 Community, National, and International Affairs

26.010. Proper Subjects.

The merits of any public question involving the general welfare of a community, nation, and the world are of concern to the members of RI and shall be proper subjects of fair and informed study and discussion at RI meetings for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinion. However, RI shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure unless relevant to the mission or programs of RI or TRF.

26.020. No Endorsements.

RI shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any RI meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

26.030. Non-Political.

26.030.1. Resolutions and Opinions.

RI shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature unless relevant to the mission or programs of RI or TRF.

26.030.2. Appeals.

RI shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature unless relevant to the mission or programs of RI or TRF.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-39

To amend the process for appealing a Board decision

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.030. Appeal of Board Decisions.

Board decisions may only be appealed to the representatives of the council on legislation, under rules set by the board. Any club, with the concurrence of at least ~~24~~ 50 other clubs, may appeal by writing the general secretary within four months after a board decision. At least half the concurring clubs must be in at least two districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal shall be by a resolution adopted at a regular club meeting, certified by the president and secretary. Within 90 days of receipt, the general secretary shall hold a vote of the council representatives. The only question for the representatives is whether the decision of the board should be sustained. ~~If, however, an appeal is received by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, the appeal shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide whether the decision of the board should be sustained.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-40*

To provide Council representatives with relevant materials during the appeal of a Board decision

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.030. Appeal of Board Decisions.

Board decisions may only be appealed to the representatives of the council on legislation, under rules set by the board. Any club, with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs, may appeal by writing the general secretary within four months after a board decision. At least half the concurring clubs must be in districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal shall be by a resolution adopted at a regular club meeting, certified by the president and secretary. Within 90 days of receipt, the general secretary shall hold a vote of the council representatives. The only question for the representatives is whether the decision of the board should be sustained. If, however, an appeal is received by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, the appeal shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide whether the decision of the board should be sustained. Relevant

1 materials that were presented to the board at the time of its decision shall be
2 made available to council representatives prior to the vote in the language that
3 such materials were presented to the board. The Board may redact any
4 information it considers private or confidential.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-41

To provide that disputes must be appealed to the Council on Legislation to exhaust all remedies in the constitutional documents

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*
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3 **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in** 4 **RI**

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6 **3.020. Board Discipline, Suspension, or Termination of a Club or Rotaract**
7 **Club.**

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9 **3.020.1. Suspension or Termination.**

10 The board may suspend or terminate a club or Rotaract club that:

- 11 (a) fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI or required levy to
12 the district fund;
- 13 (b) retains a member or Rotaractor who misuses TRF funds or who otherwise
14 breaches TRF's stewardship policies;
- 15 (c) initiates or maintains, or retains a member or Rotaractor who initiates or
16 maintains, litigation against RI, TRF, or the district, including their
17 directors, trustees, officers, agents, and employees, before exhausting all
18 remedies in the constitutional documents and any district written rules; or
- 19 (d) fails to appropriately address any youth-protection allegations against a
20 member or Rotaractor in connection with Rotary-related youth programs.

21 22 **Article 5 Board of Directors**

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24 **5.030. Appeal of Board Decisions.**

25 Board decisions may only be appealed to the representatives of the council on
26 legislation, under rules set by the board. Any club, with the concurrence of at
27 least 24 other clubs, may appeal by writing the general secretary within four
28 months after a board decision. At least half the concurring clubs must be in
29 districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal shall be by a resolution
30 adopted at a regular club meeting, certified by the president and secretary.
31 Within 90 days of receipt, the general secretary shall hold a vote of the council
32 representatives. The only question for the representatives is whether the decision
33 of the board should be sustained. If, however, an appeal is received by the general
34 secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the

1 council on legislation, the appeal shall be submitted to the council on legislation
2 to decide whether the decision of the board should be sustained. If a club or a
3 Rotarian fails to follow and exhaust the appeal procedure, including appealing to
4 the council on legislation, before seeking the intervention of any non-Rotary
5 agency or other dispute resolution system, the board may take appropriate action
6 pursuant to subsection 3.020.1.(c).

7 8 **Article 13 Conduct and Review of Elections**

9 10 **13.030. Election Review Procedures.**

11 12 **13.030.5. Completion of Election Review Procedure.**

13 The election review procedure in the bylaws is the exclusive method to contest
14 the right to an elective office or the result of an RI election. If a Rotarian
15 candidate or a club acting for a candidate does not follow and ~~complete~~ exhaust
16 the election review procedure before seeking the intervention by any non-Rotary
17 agency or other dispute resolution system, the Rotarian candidate shall be
18 disqualified from the election in question and from contesting any elective office
19 of RI for a period determined by the board. If a club or a Rotarian fails to follow
20 and ~~complete~~ exhaust the election review procedure and the appeal of board
21 decision procedure in section 5.030. before seeking the intervention of any non-
22 Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system, the board may take
23 appropriate action pursuant to subsection 3.020.1.(c).

24 25 **Article 24 Arbitration and Mediation**

26 27 **24.010. Mandatory Mediation or Arbitration.**

28 Any dispute between the current or former member(s) of a club and a district, RI,
29 or an RI officer, on any account whatsoever that cannot be settled amicably,
30 except a board decision, shall, upon a disputant's request to the general secretary,
31 be resolved by mediation or, if mediation fails, by arbitration. A request must be
32 made in writing within 60 days after the occurrence of the dispute. Within 90
33 days after receiving the request, the board shall set the time, place, and manner
34 of the mediation. Board decisions are not subject to mediation or arbitration and
35 may only be appealed pursuant to section 5.030.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-42

To amend the requirements for suspending or terminating a club or Rotaract club

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in RI

3.020. Board Discipline, Suspension, or Termination of a Club or Rotaract Club.

3.020.1. Suspension or Termination.

The board may suspend or terminate a club or Rotaract club that:

- (b) misuses TRF funds or that otherwise breaches TRF's stewardship policies, or retains a member or Rotaractor who misuses TRF funds or who otherwise breaches TRF's stewardship policies;

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-49

To increase per capita dues

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 18 Fiscal Matters

18.030. Dues.

18.030.1. Per Capita Dues.

Each club pays per capita dues to RI for each member as follows: ~~US\$35.50 per half year in 2022 - 23, US\$37.50 per half year in 2023 - 24, US\$39.25 per half year in 2024 - 25, and US\$41.00 per half year in 2025 - 26, US\$42.75 per half year in 2026 - 27, US\$44.63 per half year in 2027 - 28, and US\$46.50 per half year in 2028 - 29~~ and thereafter. The dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-53

To provide for regular updates on process improvements and cost reduction measures taken by RI

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 18 Fiscal Matters

18.060. Five-Year Financial Forecast.

18.060.3. Presentation of Five-Year Forecast at Rotary Institutes.

A director or other board representative shall present the five-year forecast to each Rotary institute. The forecast should include updates on specific process improvements and cost reduction measures taken by RI.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-54**

To amend the powers of the Board

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.010. Duties of the Board.

5.010.2. Powers.

The board directs and controls the affairs of RI by:

- (a) establishing policy for the organization;
- (b) evaluating implementation of policy by the general secretary;
- (c) enhancing transparency, such as commissioning regular process and cost analyses in RI's administration, as well as reviewing the allocation and organization of staff roles and responsibilities between RI World Headquarters and the international offices;
- (e) ~~(d)~~ exercising control and supervision over all officers, officers-elect, officers-nominee, and RI committees; and
- (~~d~~) ~~(e)~~ exercising other powers conferred by the constitution, the bylaws, and the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and their amendments.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-56

To amend the deadlines relating to enactments

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 7 Council on Legislation

7.050. Deadline for Enactments and Position Statements.

The general secretary must receive enactments by ~~31 December~~ 31 March in the year before the council. The board may propose enactments it determines to be urgent and position statements by 31 December before the council convenes.

7.070. Review of Legislation.

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review legislation submitted to the general secretary and approve the purpose and effect statements for legislation before publication. The board authorizes the committee on its behalf to examine all legislation, advise proposers of any defects, and recommend, where feasible, corrective action.

7.070.3. Amendments to Legislation.

Amendments to legislation must be submitted by the proposers to the general secretary by ~~31 March~~ 31 May of the year before the council, unless extended by the board (through the constitution and bylaws committee).

7.070.5. Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The general secretary will provide a copy of all duly proposed and not defective legislation to each governor and council member by ~~30 September~~ 31 October in the year of the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-57

To amend when Council representatives are elected and begin their term

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 9 Composition and Procedures of the Councils

9.040. Terms of Representatives.

The term of a representative begins on 1 July ~~in the year after the year of selection~~ council on legislation. Each representative shall serve a term of three years or until a successor is selected and certified.

Interim provision relating to section 9.040.

Amendments to section 9.040. adopted at the 2025 Council on Legislation pursuant to enactment 25-57 shall be implemented in a manner determined by the Board.

9.050. *Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee.*

The representative and an alternate should be selected by a nominating committee procedure based on section 12.030. where not in conflict with this section. If a district fails to adopt a method for selecting members of a nominating committee, the nominating committee shall be composed of all past governors who are members of a club in that district and are willing and able to serve. A candidate for representative shall not serve on the committee. Representatives shall be selected by 30 June in the year ~~two years before~~ of the council on legislation.

9.060. *Election of Representatives at the District Conference.*

9.060.1. *Election.*

If the district does not use the nominating committee procedure, it may elect the representative and the alternate at the annual district conference or, in the case of an RIBI district, at the district council. The election shall take place by 30 June in the year ~~two years before~~ of the council on legislation or, in the case of an RIBI district, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year ~~two years before~~ of the council on legislation.

9.070. *Election of Representatives by Club Ballot.*

9.070.3. *Election by Club Ballot.*

The governor shall conduct a club ballot by sending each club a ballot with the qualified candidates in alphabetical order. Any candidate who requests to be excluded from the ballot by a date set by the governor shall be excluded from the ballot. The number of a club's votes is determined by the formula in subsection 15.050.1. The governor may appoint a committee to conduct the club ballot, substantially following this section. The election shall take place by 30 June in the year of the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-60

To amend the percentage of votes needed to consider legislation ahead of a
Council on Legislation

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 7 Council on Legislation

7.070. Review of Legislation.

7.070.6. Council Consideration of Legislation.

Before any in-person meeting of the council on legislation, the representatives may vote electronically on duly proposed legislation presented for consideration by the council operations committee, after notice and opportunity for comment. This vote may be part of the council on resolutions. If ~~less~~ more than ~~20~~ 70 percent of the representatives entitled to vote vote ~~for~~ against an enactment, it shall not be considered at the next in-person meeting of the council on legislation. If more than ~~80~~ 70 percent of the representatives entitled to vote vote for an enactment, it shall be considered on the consent agenda for the next in-person meeting. At its next in-person meeting, the council shall consider and act upon the consent agenda, all other duly proposed and not defective legislation, and any amendments.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-62

To amend the provisions for holding the Council on Legislation

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 9 Council on Legislation

Section 2 — Time and Place. The council on legislation shall convene once every three years in April, May, or June, but preferably in April. The board sets the date and place of the meeting. It is held in the vicinity of the RI world headquarters unless there are compelling financial or other reasons for it to be held elsewhere, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the entire board. Online participation in a council on legislation may be authorized by the board only under exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-68

To amend the process for adopted resolutions

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 8 Council on Resolutions

8.120. Adopted Resolutions.

Within ~~one year~~ six months of the conclusion of the council on resolutions, the board shall deliberate and vote on any adopted resolutions. If the board votes against implementing a specific resolution, a reason for this decision shall be given and documented. The board shall notify all governors as well as all council members of any board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-72*

To remove the requirement to hold an annual district conference

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 7 Council on Legislation

7.030. Endorsement of Club and District Legislation.

Club and district-proposed enactments must be endorsed by the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or an RIBI district council. Where time does not allow proposed enactments to be submitted to ~~the~~ a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or RIBI district council, the proposed enactments may be submitted to the clubs of the district by a club ballot conducted by the governor. Any club ballot shall follow the procedure in section 12.050. as closely as possible. An enactment delivered to the general secretary shall be certified by the governor that it has been endorsed. Districts should not propose or endorse more than five enactments per council on legislation.

Article 9 Composition and Procedures of the Councils

9.060. Election of Representatives at the District Conference.

9.060.1. Election.

If the district does not use the nominating committee procedure, it may elect the representative and the alternate at ~~the annual~~ a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or, in the case of an RIBI district, at the district council. The election shall take place by 30 June in the year two years before the council on legislation or, in the case of an RIBI district, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years before the council on legislation.

9.060.4. *Selection of Representatives and Alternates.*

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes at ~~the~~ a district conference or a district legislation meeting is the representative to the council on legislation and the council on resolutions. If there are only two candidates, the candidate not receiving a majority of the votes is the alternate, serving only if the representative is unable to serve. Voting procedure shall follow sections 12.050. and 12.050.1.

9.070. *Election of Representatives by Club Ballot.*

9.070.1. *Authorization for Club Ballot.*

~~The board may authorize a district to select the representative and alternate by a club ballot. Alternatively, a~~ A majority of electors present and voting at a district conference or a district legislation meeting may vote to select the representative and the alternate by a club ballot. When authorized at the district conference, the club ballot shall be conducted in the month after the district conference.

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for Directors

11.020. *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

11.020.4. *Election.*

Except as provided in subsections 11.020.9., 11.020.10., and 11.020.11., the member and the alternate member of the nominating committee shall be elected at ~~the~~ a district conference in the year before the scheduled nomination or by a club ballot conducted by the governor. To participate in district voting for the selection of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

11.020.5. *Nominations.*

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of the club for membership on the nominating committee if the member has indicated a willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify the nomination in writing and must include the signatures of the club president and secretary. The nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the electors at ~~the~~ a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or to the clubs by a club ballot conducted by the governor. Each club shall designate one elector to cast all its votes if voting at a district conference or a district legislation meeting. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate. For votes requiring or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be for the same-ordered choices of candidates.

11.020.10. Election of Member of the Nominating Committee Through Club Ballot.

In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the member of the nominating committee and the alternate in a club ballot. The governor shall send every club in the district an official call for nominations for the member of the nominating committee and the alternate. All nominations must be in writing and signed by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor by the date set by the governor. The governor shall send each club a ballot listing ~~in alphabetical order~~ the qualified nominees in alphabetical order. Within the date set by the governor, a candidate may request in writing to be excluded from the ballot. A candidate will be excluded from the ballot, if their request is received by the date set by the governor. The number of a club's votes is determined by the formula in subsection 15.050.1. The governor may appoint a committee to conduct the club ballot.

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors

12.030. Nominating Committee Process.

12.030.1. Nominating Committee for Governor.

In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure, the committee shall seek out and propose the best qualified candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors present and voting at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or by a club ballot conducted by the governor. The terms of reference must not be inconsistent with the bylaws.

12.030.6. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.

If the nominating committee cannot agree upon a candidate, the governor-nominee shall be elected in a club ballot as provided in section 12.050. or at ~~the a~~ a district conference or a district legislation meeting in accordance with section 15.050. In either case, only those candidates suggested to the nominating committee may participate.

Article 15 Districts

15.040. District Conference and District Legislation Meeting.

15.040.1. Time.

A district conference ~~shall~~ may be held ~~annually~~ at a time and place agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs. The governor-nominee may begin planning the conference when selected and certified to the general secretary. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district training assembly, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together. The district may also hold a district legislation meeting, after all clubs receive 21 days'

notice, at a time and place set by the governor. If a majority of the clubs request a district legislation meeting, specifying the items to be discussed, the governor shall convene the meeting within eight weeks of the request.

~~15.040.2. Site Selection.~~

~~The governor nominee and a majority of the current club presidents must agree on the site for the conference. Alternatively, the board may approve that the governor nominee and a majority of those who will serve as club presidents during the same year may select the site of the conference. If a club has not selected its future president, its current president shall vote on the site.~~

15.050. Voting at District Conferences and District Legislation Meetings.

15.050.1. Electors.

Each club shall select and certify at least one elector to its conference and legislation meeting (if held). A club with more than 25 members has one additional elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Membership is determined by the number of members in the latest club invoice before the vote, except that a suspended club has no vote. Each elector shall be a member of the club. To vote, an elector must be present at the a conference or legislation meeting. To participate in any voting by electors at the a district conference, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

15.050.4. District Club Ballot.

Any decision or election that the bylaws authorize at a conference or training assembly may be the subject of a club ballot. A club ballot shall follow the procedures in section 12.050. as nearly as possible.

Article 16 Governors

16.030. Duties of a Governor.

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth;
- (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;

- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
- (f) supporting TRF;
- (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
- (h) planning for and presiding at ~~the~~ a district conference (if held) and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the PETS and the district training assembly;
- (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor's presence to:
 - 1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
 - 2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
 - 3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
 - 4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
 - 5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
- (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;
- (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;
- (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;
- (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
- (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and
- (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-73

To amend the order of voting provisions when voting at district conferences or district legislation meetings

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

Article 15 Districts

15.050. Voting at District Conferences and District Legislation Meetings.

15.050.1. General Provision on Voting.

Every club member in good standing present at the conference or a legislation meeting is entitled to vote on all matters, except for the matters listed in subsection 15.050.3.

~~15.050.1.~~ 15.050.2. Electors.

Each club shall select and certify at least one elector to its conference and legislation meeting (if held). A club with more than 25 members has one additional elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Membership is determined by the number of members in the latest club invoice before the vote, except that a suspended club has no vote. Each elector shall be a member of the club. To vote, an elector must be present at the conference or legislation meeting. To participate in any voting by electors at the district conference, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

~~15.050.2.~~ 15.050.3. Conference and Legislation Meeting Voting Procedures: Matters Restricted to Electors.

~~Every club member in good standing present at the conference or a legislation meeting is entitled to vote on all matters, except for: Voting at the conference or a~~
legislation meeting is restricted to electors in the following matters:

- (a) selection of a governor-nominee;
- (b) election of a member and alternate of the nominating committee for director;
- (c) composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor;
- (d) election of the representative and alternate to the council on legislation and council on resolutions; and
- (e) amount of the per capita levy.

Any club member in good standing present may demand a poll on any matter presented to the conference or legislation meeting, even if that member cannot vote on the matter. In such cases, voting shall be restricted to electors. When voting on matters (a), (b), (c) and (d), all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate or proposition. For votes by single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same order of candidates.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 25-76

To amend the names of the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

Article 15 Districts

15.020. Presidents-elect ~~Training~~ Learning Seminar (~~PETS~~).

A district (or multidistrict) ~~PETS~~ presidents-elect learning seminar shall be held annually, preferably in February or March, to actively orient, and train engage, and empower presidents-elect in the district as determined by the board. The governors-elect shall plan, conduct, direct, and supervise the ~~PETS~~ presidents-elect learning seminar.

15.030. ~~District Training Assembly~~ Club Leadership Learning Seminar.

A district (or multidistrict) ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar shall be held annually, preferably in March, April, or May, to develop future club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to: sustain and expand their membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries; and support TRF through both program participation and financial contributions. The governors-elect shall plan, conduct, direct, and supervise the ~~district training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar. In special circumstances, the board may authorize a ~~district training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar at a date other than those specified here. Those specifically invited shall include incoming club presidents and club leaders.

15.040. District Conference and District Legislation Meeting.

15.040.1. Time.

A district conference shall be held annually at a time agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs. The governor-nominee may begin planning the conference when selected and certified to the general secretary. The conference dates shall not conflict with the ~~district training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together. The district may also hold a district legislation meeting, after all clubs receive 21 days' notice, at a time and place set by the governor. If most of the clubs request a district legislation meeting, specifying the items to be discussed, the governor shall convene the meeting within eight weeks of the request.

15.050. Voting at District Conferences and District Legislation Meetings.

15.050.4. District Club Ballot.

Any decision or election that the bylaws authorize at a conference or ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar may be the subject of a club ballot. A club ballot shall follow the procedures in section 12.050. as nearly as possible.

15.060. District Finances.

15.060.2. Approval of Levy.

There shall be a per capita levy on members in the district to finance the District Fund. The amount of the levy shall be set by:

- (a) the conference by a majority of the electors present and voting; or
- (b) the ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar or the ~~(PETS)~~ presidents-elect learning seminar by three-fourths of the incoming club presidents, including any representatives designated under article 11, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution.

Article 16 Governors

16.030. Duties of a Governor.

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth;
- (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;
- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
- (f) supporting TRF;
- (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
- (h) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the ~~(PETS)~~ presidents-elect learning seminar and the ~~district training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar;
- (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor's presence to:
 - 1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
 - 2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
 - 3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
 - 4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
 - 5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
- (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;
- (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;

- (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;
- (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
- (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and
- (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

Article 10 Attendance

Section 1 — General Provisions. Each member should attend this club's regular meetings, or its satellite club's regular meetings, and engage in this club's service projects, events, and other activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member:

- (d) makes up the absence in any of the following ways within the same year:
 - (7) attends an RI convention, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute, any meeting convened with the approval of the RI board of directors or the RI president, a multizone conference, a meeting of an RI committee, a district conference, a ~~district training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar, any district meeting held at the direction of the RI board, any district committee meeting held by direction of the governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of clubs.

Article 11 Directors and Officers and Committees

Section 5 — Election of Officers.

- (c) *Qualifications of President.* A candidate for president must be a member of this club for at least one year before being nominated, unless the governor determines that less than a full year satisfies this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the presidents-elect ~~training learning~~ seminar and the ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar unless excused by the governor-elect. If excused, the president-elect shall send a club representative. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect ~~training learning~~ seminar and the ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if excused, does not send a club representative to these meetings, the president-elect shall not serve as club president. The current president then shall continue to serve until the election of a successor who has attended a presidents-elect ~~training learning~~ seminar and ~~training assembly~~ club leadership learning seminar or ~~training learning~~ deemed sufficient by the governor-elect.

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OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION REPORT FORM

*This form may be duplicated if your club wishes to record its vote in opposition to more than one item of adopted legislation. Please prepare one form for each item of opposed legislation. **Forms are due in Evanston no later than 15 July 2025.***

- 1) **Item being opposed:** I hereby certify that at a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its vote in opposition to the following action of the 2025 Council on Legislation:

25-_____

- 2) **Number of club votes:** Each club is entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25 members, or major fraction thereof, as follows:

<u>Members in the club</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
etc.	

I hereby certify that the membership of this club on 1 January 2025 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to:

Rotary
Club of:

District:

Number
of Votes:

President
Signature:

Return this form by 15 July 2025 to:
Council_Services@rotary.org

(Forms received after this date will not be counted.)